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NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced that an indictment was returned charging Kenneth Hampton, Peree Hampton, and Virgo Kidd with counterfeiting between December 2008 and February 26, 2009. In particular, the indictment charges all three defendants with conspiring to manufacture and transfer counterfeit currency, and charges Kenneth Hampton and Peree Hampton with one count of manufacturing counterfeit currency. Kenneth Hampton and Virgo Kidd are charged with one count of possession of counterfeit with intent to defraud.¹

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT(S)

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Kenneth Hampton	Philadelphia, PA	45 years old
Virgo Kidd	Philadelphia, PA	40 years old
Peree Hampton	Philadelphia, PA	23 years old

If convicted the defendants face maximum possible sentence of 5 years imprisonment, 3 years of supervised release, \$250,000 fine and \$100 special assessment for the conspiracy count and 20 years imprisonment, 3 years of supervised release, \$250,000 fine and \$100 special assessment for each of the counterfeiting counts in which they are charged.

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and has been assigned to AUSA Paul G. Shapiro.

¹ An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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